

Applic. No. 10/747,708

Amdt. dated May 31, 2005

Reply to Office action of March 3, 2005

Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-11 remain in the application. Claim 1 has been amended.

In item 1 on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, claims 1-3 and 8-11 have been rejected as being fully anticipated by Cheng (U.S. Patent No. 6,148,907) under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

The rejection has been noted and the claims have been amended in an effort to even more clearly define the invention of the instant application. The claims are patentable for the reasons set forth below. Support for the changes is found on page 6, line 6 of the specification.

Before discussing the prior art in detail, it is believed that a brief review of the invention as claimed, would be helpful.

Claim 1 calls for, *inter alia*:

a hood adjoining the connecting part through which cooling air enters.

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The Cheng reference discloses a heat exchange device having a cover (41) disposed closely to a heat source (50). The cover (41) is connected by a tube (43) to a hood (unnumbered) attached at the top of the fan (42). Cheng discloses that the cover (41) does not adjoin the hood.

The reference does not show a hood adjoining the connecting part through which cooling air enters, as recited in claim 1 of the instant application. The Cheng reference discloses a cover that is connected to a hood of a fan by a tube. The Cheng reference does not disclose that the cover adjoins the hood. This is contrary to the invention of the instant application as claimed, in which a hood adjoins the connecting part through which cooling air enters.

Since claim 1 is believed to be allowable over Cheng, dependent claims 2, 3, and 8-11 are believed to be allowable over Cheng as well.

Even though claim 1 is believed to be allowable the following remarks pertain to the non-obviousness of claim 1.

The instant application discloses a cooling air guide having a connecting part through which cooling air enters and an

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adjoining hood, which can be placed over a component to be cooled. The hood is movably fastened to the connecting part. This configuration has the advantage that a single hood can be used to cool a variety of heat generating components such as processors and the like. Because the hood is movably fastened to the connecting part, a cooling air guide mounted to a computer case can be used to cool different types of processors.

Cheng discloses that the cover (41) has to be closely placed on a heat source (50) to draw away the heat produced by the heat source (50) (Fig. 3 and column 2, lines 14-16).

Accordingly, the cover needs to be mounted directly on the heat source/processor (50). If the processors differ in size, different covers need to be provided to allow a fastening of the cover on top of the heat source. The need for different covers (41) and a direct placement on the heat source is a disadvantage of Cheng that is overcome by the present invention.

It is appreciatively noted from item 2 on page 2 of the Office action that claims 4-7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The claims have not been

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amended as indicated by the Examiner, as the claims are believed to be patentable in their existing form.

It is accordingly believed to be clear that none of the references, whether taken alone or in any combination, either show or suggest the features of claim 1. Claim 1 is, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art and since all of the dependent claims are ultimately dependent on claim 1, they are believed to be patentable as well.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-11 are solicited.

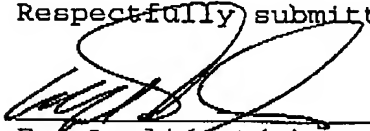
In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel respectfully requests a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

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